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"Para. 3."

The Deputy Director (Plans) will give serious consideration to the recommended ceiling increases in the exercise of his continuing responsibility for apportioning over-all DD/P resources.

As a general policy, our over-all headquarters strength should not be increased, and, in fact, should be reduced if possible.

At the same time, we should be very flexible in granting ceiling increases for the field as the need becomes evident at a particular station. In all probability, cover limitations will not permit us to exceed the total Agency ceiling. In any case, I have recently discussed the matter with the Deputy Director (Support) and the Chief of Operations, Office of the Deputy Director (Plans), and instructed them to proceed along these lines. Requests and justifications for such ceiling increases should be presented to the Deputy Director (Support) in the normal manner.

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